FHI must integrate safety and environmental awareness into all activities, including those of subcontractors at all levels, consistent with Integrated Safety Management principles. Work must be accomplished in a manner that achieves high levels of quality, protects the environment, the safety and health of workers and the public, and complies with requirements. FHI will identify hazards, manage risks, identify and implement good management practices, and make continued improvements in environment, safety, health, and quality (ESH&Q) performance.

Head of Contracting Activity and Authority

Mr. Keith A. Klein, Manager, Richland Operations Office, is the Head of the Contracting Activity (HCA). HCA authority limitations are set forth in Redelegation Order 0204-98.1 dated July 08, 1986, from the Director, Procurement and Assistance Management Directorate.

Contracting Officer(s) and Authority

The principal RL Contracting Officer for Contract No. DE-AC06-96RL13200 is:

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Other warranted RL Contracting Officers may execute actions in her absence consistent with this Plan. A current list of warranted Contracting Officers, with their authorities and limitations, is found at the Procurement Services Division Web Page -- http://www2.hanford.gov/coads/

The CO has authority to enter into, administer, or terminate Federal contracts for goods and services. The CO must ensure that all requirements of law, executive orders, regulations, and all other applicable procedures, including clearances and approvals, have been met. The CO is also responsible for ensuring performance of all necessary actions for effective contracting, ensuring compliance with the terms of the contract, and safeguarding the interests of the United States in its contractual relationships. The FAR allows the CO wide latitude to exercise business judgment. This duty includes the balanced objective of safeguarding the interests of the United States in its contractual relationships and ensuring that contractors receive impartial, fair, and equitable treatment.